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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)	
MEASURING A COMPLEX)	
DIELECTRIC CONSTANT OF A)	
SAMPLE BY OPTICAL SPECTRAL)	
MEASUREMENT)	

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A copy of each listed document is attached. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

The following are listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 and are in a language other than English:

a. JP 2003-14620: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.

b. JP 2002-98634: The relevance of this document can be understood from the International Search Report, the English language abstract attached thereto, and the figures therein.

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Respectfully submitted,

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	2003-14620	Jan. 15, 2003	Japan			Abstract
	2002-98634	April 5, 2002	Japan			Abstract

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

	M. Li, <i>et al.</i> : "Time-domain dielectric constant measurement of thin film in GHz-THz frequency range near the Brewster angle" APPLIED PHYSICS LETTERS, Vol. 74, No. 15, April 12, 1999, pp. 2113-2115.

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